Composition of select Group on the Promotion of IT

69. SHRI VED PRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that to attract foreign investment in Information Technology and promote India as an IT Powerhouse, Government have constituted a select group of NRI's especially IT professionals hailing from Silicon Valley;

(b) if so, the details of composition, function jurisdiction, tenure be furnished; and

(c) what other steps are taken by Government in this regard and results achieved so far?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A Select Group with Overseas Indian has been constituted. The composition and role of the Group is given in the Stetement-I *(See* below)

(c) An Advisory Committee consisting of leading Indian IT industrialists has been constituted for the development of Indian IT industry and as enclosed in the Statement-II. The first meeting of this Committee was held recently on Februry 21, 2000.

Statement-I

Subject:— Composition of Select Group on the promotion on IT.

A Select Group with Overseas Indians comprising of the following has been set up in the Ministry of Information Technology:—

1.	Minister of Information Technology	Chairman
2.	Secretary, Ministry of Information Technology	Member

3.	Shri Kanwal Rekhi, President, -TiE Group, USA	Member
4.	Shri Vinod Khosia, General Partner, KPCB, USA	Member
5.	Shri Suhas Patil, Chairman, Emeritus, Circus Logic	Member
6.	Shri K.B. Chandrasekhar, Chairman & CEO, Exodus Corp., USA	Member
7.	Shri Sabeer Bhatia, CEO, Arzoo' Com. USA	Member
8.	Shri Devendra Chaudhry, Director, MIT	Convenor

2. Group shall:—

* keep the Ministry of Information Technology abreast with the latest developments taking place in the world of Information Technology and also the market trends in this regard.
* advise in the formulation of policies in the area of Information Technology and strengthening of Telecommunication infrastructure vis-a-vis Information Technology policies and the specific targets laid by the Government.
* advise the Ministry of Information Technology with regard to facilitation of angel investment, venture creation and incubation facilities.
* advise in the matter of human resource development in the area of information technology with focus on IT education and IT-based education and promotion of knowledge-based enterprises.
* Assist in creation of pool of expertise and foster research & development activities in select areas.

3. The Select Group will also interact with each other on telephone, e-mail, internet and video conferencing and may co-opt any person as special invitee.

Statement-II

Members of Advisory Committee of Ministry of Information Technology for Development of IT Industries

1.	Minister of Information Technology	—	Chaiman
2.	Secretary, Ministry of Information Technology	—	Member
3.	Shri F.C. Kohli, Deputy Chairman, Tata Consultancy Services	—	Member
4.	Shri N.R. Narayana Murthy, Chairman CEO, Infosys Tech. Ltd.	—	Member &
5.	Shri Azim Premji, Chairman, Wipro Corporation	—	Member
6.	Shri Subhash Chandra, Chairman, Essel Group of Companies	—	Member
7.	Shri B. Ramalinga Raju, Chairman, Satyam Computers Services Ltd.	—	Member
8.	Shri R.S. Pawar, Chairman, NUT Ltd.	—	Member
9.	Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar, CMD, BPL Telecom Business Group	—	Member
10.	Prof. V. Raju , Director, IIT, New Delhi	—	Member
11.	Shri Dewang Mehta, President, NASSCOM	—	Member
12.	Shri Satish Kaura, Chairman, Samtel India Ltd.	—	Member
13.	Shri G.P. Goenka, President, FICCI	—	Member

14. Shri Rahul Bajaj, President, Confederation of Indian Industry — Member

15. Shri L. Lakahaminarayanan, Joint Secretary, M/o Info. Tech. — Convenor

IT Centre in Meghalaya

70. SHRI ONWARD L. NONGTDU: Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have proposed to set up national level Infromation Technology Centre in Meghalaya;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefore; and

(d) what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN): (a) to (d) There is no such proposal under consideration of the Government.

Promotion of Information Technology Industries

71. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Information Technology, Software Development and Data Processing are considered to be sun rise industries in the coming future;

(b) what is India's share in this segment of the world trade; and

(c) what are Government's plans to promote such industries further?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND